

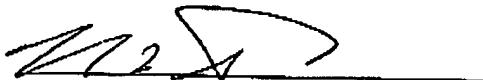
**REMARKS**

Claims 3-9, 13-21, 25-28 have been rejected. Claims 3, 8, 16 and 28 have been amended. Claim 30 has been cancelled.

The telephonic interview of October 21, 2003 with the Examiner is acknowledged and appreciated. It was agreed in the interview that Applicant would amend claims 3, 8, 16 and 28 as shown above and cancel claim 30. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on page 14, lines 12-21 and Figs. 1 and 2.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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